

Today's Advertisements.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!! HARMSTON'S GRAND CIRCUS

AND
ROYAL MENAGERIE.
CROWDED NIGHTLY
TO SEE
THE GREAT PROGRAMME.
OUR NEXT MATINEE,
WEDNESDAY, 24th January.

LOCATION (RECREATION GROUND
(Near the RACE COURSE).
DOORS OPEN at 8 P.M. COMMENCE at
9 P.M. Sharp.
N.B.—Positively no Half-price to Evening
Shows.
MATINEE every WEDNESDAY and
SATURDAY.
Children Half-price to all parts at Matinees
only.
Doors Open at 2.30 P.M. Performance at
3.30 P.M.

POPULAR PRICES.
Box Office:—ROBINSON PIANO CO., Queen's
Road.

NOTICE! Late Train to Peak.
Late Ferry to Kowloon.

ANNOUNCEMENT.
WEDNESDAY, 24th January.
FIRST APPEARANCE OF
SISTERS FREZACONDAS,
MONA, DAISY, TESSIE and DOLLIE.

ROBERT LOVE, Manager.
Col. CHAS. B. HICKS, Representative.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1901. [94c]

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

Lesses and Proprietors:
Mrs. N. CHESLER,
Messrs. A. H. & E. J. POLLARD.

TO-NIGHT!
AND EVERY EVENING.

The first great event in the Colony of the
20th CENTURY.
Under the distinguished Patronage of
H.E. Sir HENRY BLAKE, G.C.M.G.

POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIAN OPERA CO.

OF 30 PERFORMERS.

TO-NIGHT,
POSITIVELY THE LAST PERFORM-
ANCE OF
The enormously successful Military Musical
Comedy,

"A GAIETY GIRL."

TO-MORROW NIGHT,
The Sparkling Musical Comedy,
"IN TOWN."

3 NIGHTS ONLY.

PLAN at ROBINSON'S
Performance starts punctually at 9 P.M.
Carriages at 11.45 P.M.
The Star Ferry Co. has kindly consented to
delay the last ferry to 12.15.

A. LEVEY, Business Manager.
A. H. POLLARD, Manager.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1901. [154b]

JUST ARRIVED.

GENUINE CHERRY WATER, ACHTES
SCHWARZWALDER KIRSCHWASSER.
\$2.50 per Bottle.

H. RUTTONJEE,
5, D'Aguilar Street and
21 & 22, Elgin Road, Kowloon.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1901. [134]

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR HAIPHONG.
The Company's Steamship
"HAILONG,"
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the
above Port, TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant,
at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1901. [94c]

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR SWATOW.
The Company's Steamship
"THALES,"
Captain Robson, will be despatched for the
above Port, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1901. [93c]

"SHIRE" LINE.

FOR KAOCHAU.
The Steamship
"MERIONETHSHIRE,"
Captain Evans, will be despatched for the
above Port, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1901. [82c]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
The Steamship
"BENALDER,"
Captain McIntosh, will be despatched as above
on or about THURSDAY, the 24th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1901. [92c]

**THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.**

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
The Company's Steamship
"TAMSUI MARU,"
Captain K. Hasegawa, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 27th instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1901. [146]

Today's Advertisements.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILD-
ING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 7th February, 1901, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 26th January, to THURSDAY, the 7th February, (both Days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Secretary to

The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Limited,
The Kowloon Land and Building Co., Limited.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1901. [95c]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "GYMERIC,"
FROM NEW YORK, STRAITS AND MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th instant, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1901. [91c]

Intimations. EYE-SIGHT.

Mr. N. LAZARUS,
Occulist-Optician, of London and Calcutta,
may be consulted for SPECTACLES
at 16, Queen's Road Central,
(R. HOUGHTON & Co.).
(Nearly opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL).
Business hours:—9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

A GREAT proportion of catarrhs and diseases affecting those advancing in life occur to those having some deficiency in the construction of the eyes—the many years of "Eye Strain" ending in serious forms of disease. Glasses specially adapted in youth to those requiring them save and preserve the sight.

Constantly recurring headaches, spells of dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters running together; any of these symptoms indicate a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring Glasses only to correct and cure.

Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES
ADVICE FREE. [145b]

**A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.**

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

SCOTCH WHISKY.

Per doz. Case.

A.—THORNE'S BLEND, White
Capsule \$10.80

B.—WATSON'S GLENORCHY,
MELLOW BLEND, Blue
Capsule, with Name
and Trade Mark 10.80

C.—WATSON'S ABLOU-GLEN-
LIVET, Red Capsule,
with Name and Trade
Mark 12.00

D.—WATSON'S H.K.D., BLEND
OF THE FINEST SCOTCH
MALT WHISKIES, Violet
Capsule 14.40

E.—WATSON'S VERY OLD LI-
QUEUR SCOTCH WHISKY,
Gold Capsule 15.00

THORNE'S BLEND and WATSON'S
GLENORCHY are high class Soda
Whiskies, of greater age than most
brands in the market.

ABLOU-GLENLIVET is a very old
Pent Whisky, (smoky) and could not
now be replaced in stock at the price.

D. is well known for
its fine flavour.

E. is of superb quality
and pronounced by lead-
ing local connoisseurs to
be the best brand in the
Hongkong Market.

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.**

MARRIAGE.

On the 9th instant, at the British Episcopal Church, Fochow, by the Rev. L. L. Lloyd, HORACE WARREN, of the Joint Telegraph Companies, to GERTRUDE SOPHIE, youngest daughter of the late Arthur Wigan, Esq., of Launceston, Tasmania.

DEATH.
On Monday, 7th inst., at No. 85, Bluff, Yokohama, FANNIE GRACE, the beloved wife of Capt. E. Prior Bishop.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1901.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The news of the illness of Queen, which we publish to-night in Reuter's telegram, will cause deep anxiety to the whole Empire, though we sincerely trust that there is nothing really very serious in the condition of Her Majesty. The news is, however, certainly very sudden and unexpected, as we were not even informed previously the Queen was even indisposed.

Her Majesty is now at OSBORNE, and it is stated that two physicians were summoned there at once. The strain of the past year, it is stated, has had a great effect on the Queen's nerves, and we can well understand what a constant anxiety the war must have been, and what an influence it would have, especially considering the age of the Queen. The doctors have ordered perfect rest and quiet and freedom from public cares, and we can only hope to hear better news, and that Her Majesty is on the road to convalescence, in the course of the next telegrams.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.
BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.
LONDON, January 18th.

Three thousand Boers are concentrating at Carleton.

General Colville's mobile column has repulsed the Boers with heavy loss at Ventersdorp.

The British cruiser *Sybil* while landing bluejackets to intercept the invaders, stranded in Lambert's Bay; the crew was saved.

Martial law has been proclaimed in every district of Cape Colony except eight, in which the British preponderance, and the possession of arms has been declared illegal.

REPORTED ILLNESS OF THE QUEEN.

Numerous reports concerning the illness of the Queen are current, and it is stated that two physicians have been summoned to Osborne.

THE HEALTH OF THE QUEEN.

It is officially stated that the great strain of the past year has told on the Queen's nervous system. The physicians have prescribed perfect quiet in the house and abstention from public affairs.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—
On the 20th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has fallen quickly in S. China, particularly about the North of the Formosa Channel. Probably a depression is lying over the E. coast of China. Gradients slight with light winds in S. China and the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—E. winds, moderate or light; fair, but some mist or fog at night.

On the 21st at 11.55 a.m. barometric changes are slight. Probably the depression in the North is moving Eastwards over Japan, and the monsoon is likely to freshen in S. China. Forecast:—N.E. winds, probably freshening; fair, but fog or mist at night.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A CENSUS of the Colony was taken last night.

A NURSE, to take charge of children on the voyage home, is advertised for Penang.

H.M.S. *Orlando* went into the big dock at Hung-hom to-day. H.M.S. *Mohawk* is also having an overhaul.

In the *Gazette* it is notified that Mr. E. R. Hallifax is appointed Assistant Superintendent of Police. He is the magistrate for the New Territory.

It is said that the *Glory* will not take up her duties as flagship just yet, but is to be sent north to relieve the *Goliath*, which will come to Hongkong.

A TELEGRAM from Takata to a Japanese paper on the 14th inst., says that the Tsuka-no-yama tunnel on the Hokuyetsu railway has fallen in, burying a whole train.

The Russian battleship *Si-sai Veliky* (10,000 tons) arrived at Nagasaki on the 14th inst. from Masampo. She is expected to remain there up to the 17th inst. when she will leave for Korea.

The following account of what the young Queen of Holland's wedding dress will be like, will prove interesting to our lady readers. The nuptial toilette of Queen Wilhelmina will (a Paris correspondent learns) be made of silver tissue woven at Lyons, and cut out in Paris. It has been sent to The Hague, and just handed over to Vivian Knipscheer-Winkler, dressmaker of the School of Design of Industrial Arts at Amsterdam. The skirt is in the form of a long, flowing robe, and forming a wide long train. It is as well as the corage, will be edged with embroidery designed at that school and furnished by the pupils. The design will be orange flowers embroidered in silver thread and doiled over with small silver discs. The lilies are ready to be applied. Some priceless old lace will be used on the collar.

"A GAIETY GIRL."

was produced by the Pollard's again last night, before a large audience. The small people have evidently captivated Hongkong, for there is no falling off in the attendance and people go again and again.

A FATAL accident occurred yesterday. An earth cooler was on the Pok-fu-lum Road working at digging earth. He undermined a portion and whilst he was underneath it, the mass of earth, etc., collapsed on to the unfortunate man and killed him.

The returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ended 20th January are:—

	Library.	Museum.
Non-Chinese	459	227
Chinese	137	243
Totals	596	267

We clip the following from the *China Gazette* of the 15th inst.:—We are sorry to observe that Mr. H. Bismarck has spoiled the pretty little romance growing out of the siege of the Legations, in which his name was coupled with that of a fair young American, by promptly denying the report of his engagement in *to*. The story originally appeared in the *Japan Gazette*, whence it reached our columns.

The coolies employed by the French Military Authorities recently formed a deputation to request that they might not be paid in French dollars as they lost so much by exchange. The French Authorities sent to demand an explanation from some of the cash shops who gave such a low exchange for the French coin, and were told it was owing to the refusal of the foreign banks to accept these dollars.—P. & T. Times.

H.M.S. *Undaunted* went out for firing exercise this morning. We understand that she has received her orders for home and will dock when she returns from target practice, and then leave for Singapore to meet her relief, the *Blenheim*, from whence she will sail for England and pay off. By the time she reaches England, the *Undaunted* will have been nearly four years in commission, her departure having been delayed by the troubles in China.

At the U. S. Consular Court at Shanghai on the 14th inst., before the Rev. J. R. Hykes, Vice Consul-General, T. Conway and M. J. Donovan, both unemployed and residing at the Hongkong Coffee House, were charged with having wilfully and maliciously destroyed property to the value of \$4 in the Hongkong Coffee House on 11th instant. After hearing the evidence against the accused, and on the latter stating that they had been offered a passage to Hongkong, his Honour suspended sentence, but warned the accused that if they were brought before him again they would be heavily punished.

The Yokosuka Admiralty port just now, says the *Japan Herald*, presents the most animated and splendid appearance ever witnessed since the establishment of the headquarters: numerous battleships, cruisers, torpedo boats, and other vessels, including the *Asahi*, *Shikishima*, *Yashima*, *Chikyu*, *Asama*, *Yakumo*, *Tokugawa*, etc., etc. These leviathans having come to Yokosuka to have necessary repairs executed, the Shipbuilding Yard is kept continually busy. The naval constructors also have their hands full with the work of improving the boilers of torpedo-boats, in order to effect the increase of their speeds.

The Ichang correspondent of the *N.C.D. News* says on the 5th inst.:—Many of the survivors from the wreck of the *Suifang* are still with us, but after being replenished in stores they hope to go westwards again. This time it must be by a slower mode of travelling—the native junk. Even though wrecks with native junks are frequent, we have never heard of any foreigner being drowned. It will be some time before confidence will be restored in steamer navigation of the Upper-Yangtze. The Capt. of H.M.S. *Est* has proceeded up river to the scene of the wreck to survey. Beyond the after cabins no further wreckage has come down river.

A HOME paper says:—There is a strike of executioners at Canton. A bigger capitulation—or rather decapitation—grant is their cry, and fewer heads. The chopper-off business has never been so active before. What with Boxers and a little ground game, in the shape of a pirate or two, the daily bag is very heavy. You would expect headmen normally to be "on the strike," would you not? But the curious thing is that when they are, they are not. It is just then that they are not striking. It seems there are "black-legs" even in the execution line. Some poor-spirited Chinamen, with no sense of the dignity of the calling, have offered to do the work for half the money. It is clearly a "cutting" business. No self-respecting Boxer, however, ought to suffer himself to be executed for a paltry 25 cents. By the way, it does remind one of the enterprising undertaker's announcement, "Why trouble to live when you can be buried so cheaply?" Why, indeed?

The serious and disgraceful effects resulting from imbibing the vile poison called whiskey, brandy, etc., sold by the majority of the saloon keepers in our city was once more conclusively illustrated on the 10th inst. at about 10 p.m., says the *Nagasaki Press* of the 12th inst.:—A Russian tailor from the *Rosita*, after a carouse of short duration, became not only intoxicated, but absolutely demented. He stripped himself quite nude, and after tearing the stripes off one of his petty officer's arms, ran into the street shouting like a maniac. A crowd collected, but the unfortunate man could not be induced to dress himself. Upon arrival of a European policeman some clothes were borrowed from a neighbouring saloon; as the tailor's clothes were torn to shreds, and the man was ashamed to dress himself. By this time he was nearly insensible from drink. He was driven to the police station, where he was allowed to sleep off the effects of the drink. Next morning at 2 he was handed over to his vessel. The sailor claims to have been robbed of Yen 25, but considering the previous events the police disregard this part of his story.

THE LADY SUPERIOR OF THE ITALIAN CONVENT BEGS TO KNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS THE RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE FUNDS OF THAT INSTITUTION:—

A Friend.....\$100
A. M. Santos, Esq.....11

The *Fochoo Echo* of the 12th inst. says:—We learn that the French and United States Consuls have secured satisfactory indemnity from the Provincial Authorities, for property destroyed at Shaou in July last, belonging to the Roman Catholic and American Board Missions. Some forty thousand dollars, was claimed by the two missions, but a smaller sum was finally accepted.

POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIANS.

A Gaiety Girl has been drawing crowded houses. To-night is the last performance of this popular musical comedy. To-morrow night the clever little people produce the musical comedy by which Arthur Roberts made his great name, "In Town," which will be staged for three nights only. Plans at the Robinson Piano Co.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPORA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company was held at the Office of the Company No. 1, Queen's Building, to-day at noon, when the undermentioned Resolutions, which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 31st December, 1900, were submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions.

The Hon. J. K. Keswick (Chairman) occupied the chair, and there were also present:—Messrs. N. A. Siebs, J. S. van Buren, A. Haupt, J. H. Lewis, R. Sheehan, D. E. Brown, P. Witkowski (directors), D. Gillies (Chief Manager) T. J. Rose (secretary), R. C. Wilcox, Hy. Humphreys, D. Haskell, A. Haupt, Thos. Skinner, Sorabjee Rustonjee, Ho Fook and Lo Cheung Shiu.

The notice calling the meeting was read. The Chairman then proposed that the following resolutions be confirmed:—

1.—That the following Article be inserted after Article 6, namely:—
"6A.—The Directors may issue Certificates for fractions of Shares, and provide for the Exchange of such fractional Certificates amounting to a whole Share or number of Shares for Certificates of a whole Share or Shares."

2.—That in Article 11 the figures "4,000" be substituted for the figures "1,000."

3.—That the existing Shares in the Capital, namely 12,500 fully paid up Shares of \$25 each, be subdivided into 31,250 fully paid up Shares of \$5 each.

4.—That in Article 17 the figures "10,000" be substituted for the figures "2,500."

5.—That in Article 53 the words "Four Thousand" be substituted for the words "One Thousand."

6.—That in Article 62 the words "for every complete additional number of Forty Shares" be substituted for the words "for every complete additional number of Ten Shares."

7.—That in Article 71 the words "more than twelve or less than six" be substituted for the words "more than nine or less than four."

8.—That in Article 73 the words "two hundred" be substituted for the words "two hundred and fifty."

9.—That in Article 86 the words "and bonuses" be deleted, and that in the end of the same Article there be added the following paragraph, namely:—
"The Directors may also, with the consent of, and in such manner, and upon such conditions, and at such times as shall be authorised by Shareholders in meeting, employ the Reserve Fund for the time being, or any part thereof, in the payment of a bonus or bonuses to Shareholders in respect of every Share and fraction of a Share."

The articles were seconded as follows:—
1. Seconded by Mr. R. C. Wilcox.
2. Mr. Humphreys.
3. Mr. Rustonjee.
4. Mr. Ho Fook.
5. Mr. Skinner.
6. Mr. Haskell.
7. Mr. Rustonjee.
8. Mr. Gaskell.
9. Mr. Wilcox.

They were all carried unanimously. That concluded the business before the meeting.

Another extraordinary general meeting was held immediately afterwards, for the purpose of proposing the undermentioned resolutions. The Secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The Hon. Mr. Keswick again presided. He said:—The resolutions which have just been read to you express themselves and it is unnecessary for me to make any remarks. I therefore beg to submit them to the meeting.

On the motion of the chairman, the resolutions were unanimously carried.

The first was seconded by Mr. Wilcox, the second by Mr. Humphreys and resolution No. 3 was seconded by Mr. Haskell.

The resolutions were as follows:—
1.—That out of the present Reserve Fund amounting to \$300,000 and out of the sum of \$37,500 representing undivided profits, the Directors do pay to every Shareholder a bonus at the rate of \$30 per Share in respect of every Share and fraction of a Share which is registered in his name on the 28th day of February, 1901, and that such bonus be, at the option, expressed in writing of any Shareholder, applicable to the payment of the amount payable by such Shareholder in respect of the taking up by him of his proportion of new Shares under the provisions of the next of these Resolutions.

2.—That on the said 28th day of February, 1901, the Capital be increased from \$1,562,500 to \$2,500,000 by the issue of 18,750 new fully paid up Shares of \$50 each, and that such new Shares be offered at par to every Shareholder who on that date is registered as such in the proportion of three new Shares for every five Shares of his registered holding on that date, and that if any such Shareholder shall not take up and pay for his said proportion of new Shares before the first day of June, 1901, the Directors may so take up the proportion of new Shares not so taken up and paid for at such prices (not being less than the par value thereof) and upon such terms as they may, in their discretion, think fit.

The Directors may, however, in their discretion, if the special circumstances of the case appear to them to render such a course desirable in order to obviate hardship to a Shareholder, permit a Shareholder to take up and pay for the proportion of new Shares to which he would be entitled under this Resolution notwithstanding that the aforesaid time-limit for doing so, namely the first day of June, 1901, has passed.

3.—That the said new Shares shall rank for dividend and bonus as on and from the first day of January, 1901.

The Chairman:—That is all the business. Thank you for attending.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the Directors for the year ending the 31st December, 1900, for presentation to the shareholders at the fifteenth ordinary annual general meeting of the Company, to be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, at noon, on Monday, the 28th day of January, 1901.

To the Shareholders of Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Limited.
Gentlemen,—The Directors now beg to submit to you their Report and a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1900.

The net profits for that period amount to \$231,557.63
To which has to be added the balance brought forward from last Account 4,873.83

And from this have to be deducted:—
Remuneration to Directors.....\$11,577.88
Remuneration to General Managers.....11,577.88

Leaving available for appropriation \$219,901.97
The Directors recommend that a dividend of \$1.00 on ten per cent. on the paid-up capital be paid to the Shareholders, that \$200,000 be passed to Permanent Reserve Fund and

The books, etc., sent with and referred to in the third letter enabled Gaskell to estimate for himself the nature and extent of the labour and skill which he would be called on to expend, and to make an offer to the defendants if he thought it worth his while.

After taking five days to consider matters, Gaskell on the 13th June wrote as follows: "I have looked into the books kept by Mr. F. W. Hall during his management of your business, and find that many serious mistakes have been made."

He continues: "To arrive at a correct statement of account for the twenty-one months of Mr. Hall's management would necessitate a large amount of labour, and would probably take about two months' continual work, day and night. My fee for undertaking the task would be \$1,000, \$500 of which payable in advance and the remaining \$500 payable on my handing you the work completed."

In this letter Gaskell offers to furnish a correct statement of account (based of course on the materials supplied or offered) for the twenty-one months of Mr. Hall's management, upon condition that he is to receive \$1,000, of which one half was to be paid in advance and the other half when he handed over the work completed. That offer was accepted, and such acceptance clinched the contract. The phrase "the work completed" means "a finished correct statement of account."

Under date 5th November, 1900, Gaskell wrote: "In accordance with your instructions to me I have now the pleasure to hand you herewith the following accounts made up to the 31st December, 1899:—

No. 1.—Balance Sheet.
No. 2.—Profit and Loss Account.
No. 3.—Statement giving particulars of house account.

No. 4.—Statement giving particulars of T. L. Stevens' account.

He adds that the accounts have been very carefully gone into. On the 12th November, after an interview with Mr. G. R. Stevens senior, who drew his attention to certain items in the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss account, Gaskell wrote: "Please find enclosed herewith statements giving particulars of the amounts debited and credited to s.s. *Daguer* and s.s. *Loyal* during the period of Mr. Hall's management of your firm. With reference to the \$5,000 appearing in the balance sheet as due to Mr. Victor Roque, I find that this sum has been paid by your firm as follows:—

1899.
Feb. 17, 100 tons of coal, \$1,066.77
Aug. 12, cheque to Chartered Bank 3,831.12

4,897.89
This amount will therefore have to be written off before opening fresh books, etc., etc.

When this error in regard to Roque's account had been corrected, the balance sheet, so far as I can judge, was accepted as substantially accurate and there remained only a question relating to the accounts of the S. S. *Loyal*.

On the 18th December Gaskell wrote:—
"Your letter of this date enclosing manifest of S. S. *Loyal* has come duly to hand, also the statement of accounts I rendered to you made up in accordance with the firm's Cash Book, Bank Pass Book, etc., which were in use during the period of Mr. Hall's management."

"As already mentioned to Mr. G. R. Stevens, the books and accounts having been kept in such a disgraceful manner during Mr. Hall's management, are absolutely worthless as records of fact; the vouchers are mixed up and many missing."

"I shall be pleased to do my best to reconcile my statement of account of S. S. *Loyal* with the manifests you have sent me, but it must be borne in mind the statement I sent you was made up from amounts shown in your comrade's cash book and the Hongkong bank pass book during Mr. Hall's term of management of your business. Before commencing this work I shall be glad to receive cheque in settlement of my account."

The Court is not versed in the manner of making up a ship's accounts; but assuming that those accounts cannot be properly made up without the production to the accountant of the ship's manifests, I consider that Gaskell was within his rights in saying, as he practically did say in the last letter quoted, "In the materials, which you either sent to me or offered to place at my disposal, I find that no ship's manifests are included and my contract was to furnish a correct statement of accounts from the materials which you either sent or offered. That I have done and I will not do extra work except for remuneration."

Subsequently on 27th December, G. W. Marshall, manager of the defendant firm, wrote:—
"Will you go through the *Loyal* account with me? Name your own time. Perhaps this offer would be best as I have books here. This is all we want to get to the real bottom of in the meantime. That is to say in company with you. So soon as this has been done Mr. Stevens will be satisfied. I have got it out pretty well, but it will require your verification as a document of importance."

It appears to me that the words "so soon as this has been done Mr. Stevens will be satisfied" admit the satisfaction of Mr. Stevens with every account except that of the steamer *Loyal*. But the oral evidence and that of this letter, as read in the light of Gaskell's letter of the 18th December, indicate that the request to go through the *Loyal* accounts was a request to Gaskell to do what he had already legitimately declined to do, viz. compare his statement of the *Loyal* accounts with the *Loyal* manifests.

The Court is accordingly satisfied that, on the 27th December the accounts rendered by Gaskell had been accepted by G. R. Stevens & Co. as substantially correct, and that the *Loyal* accounts were not impugned as unsatisfactory because they were based on the materials supplied or offered to Gaskell to work upon, but because they did not tally with the manifests.

In the face of this acceptance by G. R. Stevens & Co. it was useless to point out a few items here and there which the defendants considered to be incorrect. Before accepting such alleged errors should have been referred to Gaskell and the materials for correcting them furnished to him. With the original materials at his disposal Gaskell has done what he contracted to do. He has exercised the bounden ordinary amount of skill and knowledge incident to his profession as an accountant. He has carried out his work in substance and effect according to the intention of the parties. If any inaccuracies have arisen from inherent difficulties in the work itself he is still entitled to the remuneration. He was, I think, bound to afford the defendants a reasonable opportunity of inspecting his work to ascertain its correctness. This was done by him. The accounts furnished were not returned to his hands as useless. There is no hint that the state of affairs was not disclosed by the accounts with as near an approach to accuracy as was compatible with the materials at the plaintiff's disposal.

In *Money Penny v. Harland & Co.* and *P. 378*, where an issue was tried as to whether a plaintiff was entitled to any and what sum for work and labour as an architect and engineer, Best C.J. said: "I shall take the liberty of laying down this rule. Supposing negligence or want of skill to be sufficiently made out, but that negligence or want of skill has been to such an extent that has rendered the work useless to the defendants, they must pay him (i.e. the plaintiff) and seek their remedy in a cross action." For

if it were not so, a man, by a small error, might deprive himself of his whole remuneration." These remarks are opposite to the present case. The result is that the plaintiff succeeds and has his costs.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honour Sir John Carrington, Kt., C.M.G., (Chief Justice).
January 19th.

THE ROBBERY ON STANLEY ROAD.

In conclusion of our report on Saturday of the robbery on Stanley Road on the 14th of December last, the evidence having been led the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the prisoner was sentenced to two years' hard labour.

CRICKET.

H. K. C. C. v. R. W. F.

Both teams were well represented in this match on Saturday. Some good play was given, and the result was a hopeless defeat of the R. W. F. by an innings and some 91 runs. The Club's batsmen were on a "holiday" and their bowlers were not wanting in effect.

By the kindness of the Colonel and Officers, the band of the R. W. F. played a capital programme on Saturday afternoon. The Honorary Secretary hopes that the men who will be asked to play for the Club against the R. N. at the end of this week will make an effort to respond, in order that the Club may be as nearly as possible at full strength in this important encounter. A little practice won't hurt some players.

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The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

(January 21st).

Companies.	Paid up Capital.	Latest quotation.
Banks.		
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$125	354 1/2 premium
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited.	5	Nominal
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited.	4	41
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited.	1	45 1/2 buyers
National Bank of China, Ltd.	8	27 buyers
Do. Founders.	1	20
Marine Insurance.		
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	50	24 1/2 buyers
China Traders' Ins. Co., Ltd.	25	56 sales
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	25	17 1/2
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	50	11 1/2 buyers
Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	50	14 1/2 buyers
Straits Ins. Co., Ltd.	20	81
Fire Insurance.		
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	50	31 1/2 sales
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20	85 sellers
Shipping.		
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Limited.	15	34 1/2 buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	10	103 buyers
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	50	53 sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	50	47 sellers
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. (Pref.)	10	12 buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. (Ord.)	10	12 buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. (Ord.)	5	67 buyers
Star Ferry Co., Ltd.	10	20 buyers
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	1	63.40
Refineries.		
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	100	11 1/2 sales
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	100	840
Mining.		
Punjab Mining Co., Ltd.	8	54 sellers
Punjab Mining Preference Shares.	1	51
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	250	32 1/2 sellers
Queen Mines, Ltd.	25	5 cents
Jebeub Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.	5	56 1/2
Raub Allain Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	175	104 sellers
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd. A.	5	52
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd. B.	5	52 1/2
Great Eastern & Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	5	5 cents
Do. (Preference)	5	30 cents
Docks, Wharves and Godowns.		
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	125	58 1/2 pm. buy.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	50	59 1/2 sales
Wanchai Warehouse & Storage Co., Ltd.	37 1/2	62 1/2 ex div.
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6 1/2	32 1/2 buyers
Land, Hotels and Buildings.		
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	10	94 ex div. sales
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	100	200 sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	30	28 buyers
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	50	35 1/2 sellers
H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	50	123 sales
Oriental Hotel Co., Ltd.	50	58 1/2 sales
Humphrey's Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	10	13 1/2 sellers
Cotton Mills.		
Hongkong Cotton Spinning & Dyeing Co., Ltd.	100	15
Ewo Cotton Spinning & W. Co., Ltd.	100	15
International Cotton Mill Co., Ltd.	100	15
Loan Tung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	100	15
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	100	15
Yahloong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	100	15
Oil Companies.		
Alkambra, Limited	500	200 premium
La Comercial, Ltd.	500	100 premium
Hensiana Limited	500	5 premium
La Favorita	500	40 premium
Green Island Cement.		
Co., Ltd.	10	20 sellers
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	15	33
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	10	15 1/2 sales
Watkins, Limited	10	12 1/2 sellers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	5	12 1/2 buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	5	56 1/2 buyers
Hongkong and East Asiatic Co., Ltd.	10	178 buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	50	570 sellers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	25	550 sellers
H'kong Ice Co., Ltd.	25	176
H'kong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	100	196 buyers
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	5	67 buyers
Hongkong and China Bakery Co., Ltd.	50	550 buyers
Campbell, Moore and Co., Ltd.	10	820
Bell's Asbestos & Cement Agency, Ltd.	1	84 buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	4	84 sales and buyers
Carmichael & Co., Ltd.	20	84 buyers
Tobacco Planting Co., Ltd.	5	83
Universal Trading Co., Ltd.	5	55 1/2
H.K. Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	5	55

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Gibson, Mr. and Mrs.	Sampson, Mrs.
Kennedy	Sampson, Mrs.
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Callaghan, Capt.	Prynn, Capt.
Canton, Staff-Surg. H.	Ross, Mr. John A.
Canton, Mrs.	Sharp, Mr. and Mrs.
Clarke, Capt. A. C.	E. H.
R. N.	Stricker, Mr. A.
Clarke, Mrs.	Volpicelli, Consul
Crouch, Mr. J. W.	Wall, Capt. F.
Hamilton, Lt. Col. H.	

KOWLOONHOTEL.

Collins, Mr. J. M.	Riley, Mr. Joseph
Godchaux, Mr. & Mrs.	Shillington, Mr. L.
J.	Thomson, Mr. & Mrs.
Godchaux, Miss J.	Wittmuss, Capt.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, January 21st.	
ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer	10/9 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	2/0 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/1 3/16
D'ments, 4 months' sight	2/1 5/16
ON BERLIN, (demand)	2/1 1/2
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand	2/5 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/5 1/2
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand	49 1/2
Credits, 30 days' sight	50 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer	15 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	7 1/2
Private 30 days' sight	7 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	14 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	9 7/8
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael	49 50
Bar Silver	29 1/16
Dollars	4 per cent. prem.

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, January 21st.	
New Patna	\$65 per chest.
New Benares	87 1/2
New Malwa	80 per picul.
Old Malwa	82 1/2
Persian, paper tied	800/820

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.	
ADATO, British steamer, 2,145, McIntyre, 16th Jan., Portland, Or. 10th Dec., Flour—Order.	
ANPING, British steamer, 1,178, H. Barlow, 18th Jan., Shanghai 15th Jan., General—C. M. S. N. Co.	
BENALDER, British steamer, 1,958, C. McIntosh, 17th Jan., Moji 11th Jan., Coals. Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
BENLAWERS, British str., 1,493, A. Webster, 10th Jan., Shanghai 7th Jan., General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
CATIMINE APAC, British steamer, 1,730, J. G. O'Brien, 10th Jan., Calcutta 25th Dec., Penang and Singapore 13th Jan., General—David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	
CHOWFA, British steamer, 1,055, J. Williamson, 12th Jan., Bangkok 6th Jan., Rice and Cereals—Yuen-Fat Hong.	
CHOWTAI, German steamer, 1,115, J. A. Morris, 18th Jan., Bangkok 10th Jan., General—Butterfield & Swire.	
CHUNBAO, British steamer, 1,418, L. A. Muir, 18th Jan., Nagasaki 13th Jan., Coal—Jardine Matheson & Co.	

CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO, American steamer.

2,275, W. Ward, 16th Jan., San Francisco 14th Dec., and Shanghai 13th Jan., Mails and General—P. M. S. S. Co.	
COPRIC, British steamer, 2,444, J. H. Rinder, R.N.R., 19th Jan., San Francisco 22nd Dec., Honolulu 29th, Yokohama 11th Jan., Kobe 12th, Nagasaki 14th, and Shanghai 17th, Mails and General—O. & O. S. S. Co.	
DAPHNE, German steamer, 1,200, Th. Nissen, 16th Jan., Swatow 15th Jan., General—Siemssen & Co.	
ELSA, German steamer, 1,702, Schönwands, 11th Jan., Moji 13th Jan., Coal—Jebben & Co.	
FLINTSHIRE, British steamer, 2,109, J. Dwyer, 4th Jan., Moji 30th Dec., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	
HAIMUN, British transport, 636, W. J. Davis, 18th Jan., Wei-hai-wei 14th Jan.	
IDZUMI MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,301, M. J. Cumow, 19th Jan., Seattle via Japan Ports and Shanghai 11th Dec., Beer Cotton, Oil and General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	
INDEPENDENT, German steamer, 871, A. Hantz, 13th Jan., Samarang 1st Jan., General—Sander, Wieler & Co.	
KVAREY, Norwegian steamer, 1,574, I. Kaniz, 13th Jan., Portland, Or. 2nd Dec., Flour and Lumber—Butterfield & Swire.	
KYOTO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,640, T. Sakurai, 17th Jan., Moji 10th Jan., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	
LOYAL, German steamer, 1,237, Lorenzen, 4th Jan., Saigon, 1st Jan., Rice—Sander, Wieler & Co.	
MERIONETHSHIRE, British steamer, 1,080, W. A. Evans, 19th Jan., London 25th Nov., and Singapore 12th Jan., General—Shewan, Tomes & Co.	
PEIVANG, German steamer, 897, Köhler, 28th Dec., Moji, 22nd Dec., Coals—Siemssen & Co.	
PHRA CHULA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,012, E. McEellan, 17th Jan., Bangkok and Amoy 10th Jan., Rice and General—Butterfield & Swire.	
PICCOLA, German steamer, 875, E. Huir, 18th Dec., Chetoo 13th Dec., General—Meyer & Co.	
PROGRESS, German steamer, 678, P. Brandt, 18th Jan., Touron 15th Jan., Coals and Rice—Siemssen & Co.	
SABINE RICKMERS, British steamer, 600, Nabseth, 15th Jan., Tamsui 12th Jan., Ballast—Arnhold-Karberg & Co.	
SUNGKANG, British steamer, 1,021, S. W. Moore, 19th Jan., Manila 16th Jan., Hemp—Butterfield & Swire.	
TAI YU, German steamer, 1,065, E. Schipper, 30th Dec., Moji 24th Dec., Coal—E. A. Trading Co.	
TATEGAMI MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,673, H. Sakamoto, 19th Jan., Moji 14th Jan., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	
TIGER, Norwegian steamer, 2,116, H. Wold, 12th Jan., Moji 6th Jan., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	
VIENNA, British steamer, 2,653, A. McDougall, 31st Dec., Otaru (Japan) 21st Dec., Coal—H. & H.	

Sailing Vessels.

ADOLPH ORRIG, American ship, 1,262, Amabury, 19th Dec., New York and June, and Chetoo 12th Dec., Oil—Standard Oil Co.	
COMMERCE, American ship, 621, Butenshon, 3rd Jan., Port Blackley 31st Oct., Lumber—Holliday, Wise & Co.	
DUNDEE, British ship, 1,998, Hermann, 14th Oct., New York 29th June, Kerosine Oil—Standard Oil Co.	
FULWOOD, British ship, 1,036, Thomas, 1st Dec., Cardiff via Cape Town 26th Sept., Coal—Government.	
NEREUS, German ship, 1,714, Beake, 30th Dec., Cardiff 8th Aug., Coals—Master.	
WEST YORK, British bark, 706, Forster, 13th Jan., Rajang via Borneo and Sarawak 1st Jan., Timber—Sam See Ching.	

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS ON THE CHINA STATION.

Hongkong, January 21st, 1901.	
Alacrity, despatch vessel, 1,700 tons, 10-6 p.d. q. guns, 200 h.p., Commander G. F. M. Cradock, Shanghai.	
Algerine, sloop, 1,050 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 h.p., Comdr. R. H. J. Stewart, Singapore.	
Argonaut, British cruiser, 11,000 tons, 16,500 h.p., 16-6 inch. q. guns, Capt. G. H. Cherry, R.N., Amoy.	
Astraea, British 2nd-class cruiser, 4,300 tons, 7,000 h.p., 10 guns, Capt. A. W. Paget, C.M.G., Shanghai.	
Aurora, British cruiser, 5,600 tons, 12 guns, Capt. E. H. Bayly, Shanghai.	
Barfleur, 1st class battleship, 13,000 tons, 14 guns, 13,163 h.p., Captain G. J. S. Warrender, Hongkong.	
Blenheim, 1st class cruiser, 9,000 tons, 12 guns, 21,411 h.p., Captain Henderson, left England.	
Bonaventure, 2nd class cruiser, 3,000 tons, 18 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. C. J. G. Sawle, Taku.	
Brisk, British gunboat, 1,770 tons, 6 guns, 5,600 h.p., Commander Sir Bouchier Wrey, Bart., Hongkong.	
Britannia, British gunboat, 710 tons, Capt. P. Weller, Foochow.	
Centurion, 1st class battleship, 10,500 tons, 14 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. J. R. Jellicoe, Wootton.	
Daphne, sloop, 1,140 tons, 8 guns, 2,000 h.p., Com. C. W. Winnington-Ingram, Shanghai.	
Dido, British 2nd-class cruiser, 550 tons, 11 guns, 9,600 h.p., Capt. Tillard, Hongkong.	
Endymion, British cruiser, 7,350 tons, 12 guns, Capt. G. A. Callaghan, Hongkong.	
Est, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. F. Blunt, Chinkiang.	
Fame, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Lieut. Com. C. P. Bate, Pownall, Hongkong.	
Firebrand, 3rd class gunboat, 455 tons, 4 guns, 360 h.p., Hongkong.	
Glory, 1st class battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, 15,500 h.p., Captain F. S. Ingfield, Hongkong.	
Golfash, 1st class battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, 15,500 h.p., Capt. L. Wintz, Shanghai.	
Handy, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 250 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Lieut. and Comdr. G. H. Holden, Hongkong.	
Hart, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Lieut. and Com. J. G. Armstrong, Shanghai.	
Hermione, British cruiser, 4,360 tons, 10 guns, Capt. R. S. D. Cumming, Shanghai.	
Humber, storeship, 1,640 tons, 800 h.p., Com. H. J. Davison, Hongkong.	
Ida, British cruiser, 5,650 tons, Capt. G. M. Henderson, Wootton.	
Janus, torpedo-boat destroyer, Lt. and Comdr. R. C. Corbett, Hongkong.	
Linka, gun-vessel, 765 tons, 4 heavy guns, 4-6 pounder, 870 h.p., Commander W. W. Smythe, Hankow.	
Liard, British gunboat, 715 tons, Capt. J. C. Watson, Canton.	
Marathon, British cruiser, 1,145 tons, 6 guns, Capt. John G. M. Field, Bombay.	
Mohawk, British cruiser, 1,770 tons, Capt. F. W. Freeman, Hongkong.	
Orlando, British cruiser, 5,000 tons, 12 guns, Capt. J. H. Burke, C.B., Hongkong.	

Outer, torpedo-boat destroyer, Lieut. and Com. H. O. Wilkin, D.S.O., Hongkong.	
Peacock, 1st class gunboat, 775 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. C. P. R. Coode, Hongkong.	
Pharos, British sloop, 1,015 tons, 6 guns, Comdr. R. G. Fraser, Wei-hai-wei.	
Pigmy, 1st class gunboat, 755 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. J. F. E. Green, Singapore.	
Pique, twin screw, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, 8 guns, 7,000 h.p., Capt. H. C. Reynolds, Shanghai.	
Plover, 1st class gunboat, 453 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. C. V. de M. Cowper, Shanghai.	
Protector, British gunboat, 920 tons, Capt. W. R. Creswell, R.N., C.M.G., Hongkong.	
Redpole, British gunboat, 855 tons, 6 guns, Lieut. Com. C. F. Corbett, Shanghai.	
Robin, British river-gunboat, 2 guns, Lieut. Com. G. Webster, West River.	
Rosario, British sloop, 980 tons, 6 guns, Capt. C. Hamilton, Shanghai.	
Sandpiper, British river-gunboat, 2 guns, Lt. Comdr. Carr, Hongkong.	
Snipe, British gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 140 h.p., Commander Oldham, Yangtze.	
Swift, gun-vessel, 756 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4-6 pounder, 870 h.p., Hongkong.	
Taku, torpedo-boat destroyer, 250 tons, Lieut. Comdr. Hongkong.	
Tamar, receiving ship, 4,000 tons, Commodore Powell, C.B., Hongkong.	
Terrible, British cruiser, 14,200 tons, 30 guns, 25,000 h.p., Capt. Percy Scott, C.B., Hongkong.	
Twined, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 h.p., in Reserve Hongkong.	
Upditch, 1st class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 12 guns, 8,500 h.p., Capt. A. C. Clarke, Hongkong.	
Wallaroo, British cruiser, 2,460 tons, 8 guns, 7,500 h.p., Capt. A. F. C. Noel, Nagasaki.	
Waterwitch, surveying ship, 620 tons, Lieut. Comdr. Lyne, Hongkong.	
Whiting, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 6 guns, 6,000 h.p., Lieut. and Comdr. Macdonald, Shanghai.	